The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was <u>not</u> written for publication and is <u>not</u> binding precedent of the Board.

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## BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

**Ex parte** SUSAN BARNETT and KATHELYN STEIMER

Application 09/546,201

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## ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 19, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

On December 21, 2005, appellants filed a Reply Brief. There is no indication on the record that this paper was considered by the examiner.

Additionally, the PALM INTRANET Content Information fails to show an entry for the Reply Brief filed December 21, 2005.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the instant application be electronically returned to the examiner to:

- (1) consider the Reply Brief;
- (2) written notification to appellants of said consideration;
- (3) proper entry in the PALM INTRANET Content Information; and
- (4) for such action as may be appropriate.

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